

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: HOLTZAPPLE, et al.
Serial No.: 10/698,199
Filing Date: October 31, 2003
Group Art Unit: 1744
Confirmation No.: 9996
Examiner: William H. Beisner
Title: **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PRETREATMENT
AND PROCESSING OF BIOMASS**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 12, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejections of the claims and the objections to the Application in view of the following amendments and/or the comments set forth below.